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(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) Texas - Stash House with 30 Immigrants Busted by Federal Agents

(U) Rio Bravo – US Border Patrol agents discovered a stash house with 30 immigrants who had crossed the border illegally in Rio Bravo. The discovery began with horse patrol agents responding to a potential smuggling attempt and overserved a group of individuals getting into a black minivan. The agents followed the van to an abandoned house where the individuals from a variety of countries were located. SOURCE: 21 January 2021, <u>Laredo Morning Times</u>

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Capture over 100 Illegal Aliens in Two Days

(U) Valentine – US Border Patrol agents arrested over 100 illegal immigrants in the Valentine, TX area in the preceding 48 hours as they traversed the dangerous terrain in large groups. All subjects were processed according to Big Bend Sector protocols for immediate removal or further criminal prosecution. A significant increase in apprehensions of illegal aliens has happened recently as smugglers continue to push large groups throughout the border region.

SOURCE: 21 January 2021, San Angelo News

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(U) District of Columbia – US Secret Service Makes Three Arrests in DC on Inauguration Day

(U) Washington – United States Secret Service officials arrested three people in Washington, DC on Inauguration Day. The first two arrests for unregistered ammunition in the morning around the time President Trump was making his final departure from the White House. The third arrest was made later in the day for possession of a BB gun. Heightened security measures were put into place ahead of the inauguration and currently remain in place.

SOURCE: 21 January 2021, Fox DC

(U) Maryland – Man Charged with Threatening to Blow up IRS Headquarters

(U) Baltimore – Federal authorities brought charges against a Maryland man for threatening to blow up IRS headquarters and threatening federal employees, including political officials and law enforcement officers. The suspect made multiple tweets about how he was "going to explode the IRS headquarters with a bomb" and being "laser focused about way to kill Nancy Pelosi." The suspect faces up to 10 years in jail for making internet threats to blow up a federal building.

SOURCE: 21 January 2021, Fox Baltimore

(U) Michigan - Suspect Charged with Assaulting Capitol Cops with Hockey Stick

(U) Wixom – Authorities charged a Michigan man with five crimes, including assault and obstruction of law enforcement for his alleged role in the January 6 Capitol attack. The suspect stuck a police officer with a hockey stick he was carrying while officers were outdoors trying to protect the building.

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Investigators advise that the suspect then crawled through a broken window into the Capitol after the officer was assaulted. The subject was identified through video evidence and his in custody pending a detention hearing.

SOURCE: 21 January 2021, Fox News

(U) Oregon-Police Arrest Eight after Rioters Damage Democratic Party Office, ICE Building

(U) Portland – Portland police arrested at least eight people after rioters damaged both federal and private property. Dozens of protestors took to the streets of Oregon's largest city following the inauguration of President Joe Biden. The headquarters of the Democratic Party of Oregon and the field office of the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) were damaged. The eight individuals arrested face charges ranging from felony criminal mischief to possession of a destructive device. SOURCE: 21 January 2021, ABC News

(U) Washington – Three Arrested during Destructive Demonstration in Seattle

(U) Seattle – Several buildings were damaged and three people were arrested after protests against President Biden and Federal agencies turned violent in Seattle. Demonstrators marched towards the field offices of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Federal Immigration Court. Eventually, the suspects shattered windows at banks, the Nakamura Federal Courthouse, Amazon Go stores, and the original Starbucks in Pike Place market. Police moved shortly after the violence, breaking up the protest and arresting the offenders.

SOURCE: 21 January 2021, KIRO News

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Italy – Suspected al-Qa'ida Militant Arrested for Terror Activity in Syria, Iraq

(U) Rome – Authorities in Italy arrested an Italian suspected of fighting in the Middle East since 2014 with al-Qa'ida-affiliated groups. The suspect, arrested in Turkey, agreed to hand himself over after being tracked down on accusations of terrorist activity in Syria and Iraq. The investigation began on information from his parents in Switzerland, where he had lived and was radicalized. SOURCE: 20 January 2021, Reuters

(U) Iraq – Islamic State Claims Baghdad Twin Bombing that Killed 32, Wounded 110

(U) Baghdad – The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for a twin suicide bombing that killed 32 people and wounded 110 at a crowded street market in central Baghdad. It was the deadliest attack on the city in three years, when another suicide bomber targeted the same area. The rare suicide bombing hit the Bab al-Sharqi commercial area in central Baghdad amid heightened political tensions over planned elections and a severe economic crisis.

SOURCE: 21 January 2021, Yahoo News

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